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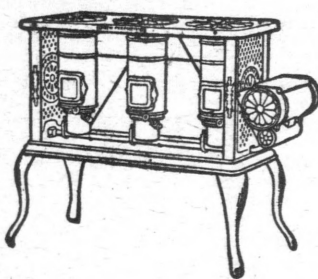
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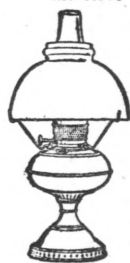
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WHY TAFT SHOULD BE PRESIDENT

BY WALTER J. BALLARD

The question, "Why Taft should be President," is answered in his public utterances as hereinafter quoted and in the endorsements and qualifications hereinafter stated.

Speaking to L. K. Torbet, one of the Illinois Taft delegation, he said: "Torbet, I have kept out and will continue to keep out of every State which has a favorite son. I want my friends to heed that warning. I do not desire to go into Pennsylvania, New York or Illinois. Naturally, I should be pleased to have delegates for me for second choice."

Speaking at Buffalo on February 22: "We are, however, making our navy more and more respectable each year, and I am very hopeful that Congress will take steps which will make our army a proper nucleus for the rapid enlargement of a force for national defense commensurate with the population of our country and with the extent of our jurisdiction."

Speaking at Cleveland on January 29th: "Theodore Roosevelt has been able to accomplish more in preservation of the peace of the world than any President that ever administered or any monarch that ever ruled. And that influence is the result of his policy of expansion adopted under William McKinley."

Speaking at Cooper Union, New York, on January 10th: "Labor needs capital to secure the best production, which capital needs labor in producing anything. The share of each laborer in the joint product is affected not exactly, but in a general way, by the amount of capital to carry on the work there is to do, and the more work there is to do, the more laborers are needed. The greater the need for laborers, the better they pay per man. Manifestly, it is in the direct interest of the laborer that capital shall increase faster than the number of those who work. Everything, therefore, which legitimately tends to increase the accumulation of wealth and its use for production will give each laborer a larger share of the joint result of capital and labor."

It will be observed that the laborer derives little or no benefit at all from wealth which is not needed for production. Nothing is so likely to make wealth idle as insecurity of invested capital and property. It follows, as a necessary conclusion, that to destroy the guarantee of property is a direct blow at the interest of the working-man. What I am anxious to emphasize is that there is a wide economic and business field in which the interest of the wealthiest capitalist and the humblest laborer are exactly the same."

Speaking on board the steamship Minnetonka of his official visit to the Vatican regarding the Philippine government purchase of the friars' lands in the Philippines: "I cannot doubt, from what I saw of him, that Leo XIII was the greatest Pope in many years. His statesmanship was undoubtedly of the highest type; he was a Latin poet of great purity and force, an Italian nobleman of fine education, and a man who controlled. Almost to the minute of his death he was the Pope in fact, the Pope in control, a Pope who carried out the policies of the church as he thought they ought to be carried out."

On the same occasion: "Every Roman Catholic who desires the greatest possible good for his community must admit the value of the presence of Protestants in the Philippines to foster and maintain that spirit of healthy competition which is as useful in religious enterprises as in the business and commercial life of a country."

"Government ownership would put power in the hands of one man or set of men that would make you tremble for the safety of the republic."

When urged, in October, 1902, by President Roosevelt to return from his worrying work in the Philippines for a seat for life on the bench of the Supreme Court of the United States the highest judicial body in the world, Mr. Taft replied: "Great honor deeply appreciated, but must decline. Situation here most critical from economic standpoint. Change proposed would create much disappointment and lack of confidence among people. Nothing would satisfy individual tastes more than acceptance." Urged again by the President a month later, Mr. Taft replied: "Recognize soldier's duty to obey orders irrevocable by action, however, I presume on my personal friendship, even in the face of letter, to make one more appeal, in which I lay aside wholly my strong personal inclination to leave work of intense interest behind. This appeal, based solely on a strong sense of duty to the Philippines, was successful, and Mr. Taft remained as Civil Governor till the proper time came for him to return and enter the Cabinet as Secretary of War, with the home interests of the Philippines then, and still, in his personal charge."

With his determination that the will of the people shall have free expression; with his sound views of the relation of labor to capital and of capital to labor; with his impartial view of the claims and rights of both Catholics and Protestants in the Philippines; his firm opinion that government ownership of railroads, etc., would be most unwise; with his clear realization of property rights; with his freely admitted qualifications by natural ability, training and experience, for the office; with his strong sense of duty at all positions, with his penetrating, judicial conception of the right or wrong of public questions; with his record of success in every position held as servant of the people; with his unflinching courage and his self-sacrificing patriotism; with his known abilities as a great lawyer, a just judge, an astute diplomat, and a strong, wise and careful executive; with his absolutely unflinching rectitude on every point of public duty and willingness to bear responsibility; with his capacity to work hand in hand with his fellows; with his great, kind heart and noble manhood, and because he is an American of Americans, no man better fitted for the Presidency than is William Howard Taft.

USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

Never melt butter on the stove. Heat your cake dish by filling with hot water, wipe dry, then put in butter; it will then melt.

One woman states that ordinary yellow soap can be used with as good results for mending torn articles as gum tissue. Wet the piece of yellow soap, run it over the torn place on the wrong side and press with a moderately hot iron. One might try it as an experiment, if nothing else.

Keep a pair of mittens made from heavy white cotton flannel to slip on when hanging out clothes.

To polish a looking glass first rub it with a duster wrung out of cold water dipped in whiting, and then polish with a dry cloth.

Turnips boiled in their jackets like peas are much better than when pared. Adding a little sugar to the water will correct any bitterness.

Heat a lemon thoroughly before squeezing and you will obtain nearly double the quantity of juice that you would if it had not been heated.

As soon as a salt ham or tongue is cooked remove it from the boiling water to a pan of cold water for at least two days. This will loosen the skin which may be easily peeled off.

Sprinkle mint with granulated sugar when preparing mint sauce and it will cook more easily. Try adding a few mint leaves to the dish of baked beans. An epicure also recommends serving mint sauce with spinach.

The woven wire egg beater, an indispensable article in the kitchen, is hard to clean because the threads from the dishcloth are apt to catch in the wires. A good way to clean this utensil is with a small brush. This will save the trouble of removing lint from the meshes before using.

When tiny pieces of felt are found in various parts of the piano it is evident that the tiny silver moth is at work and will in time do much damage. Camphor gum tied in cheesecloth and suspended inside the piano will drive them out, while placing a half cupful of turpentine inside, leaving for several days, will be certain of driving out the little pests.

To clean leather mix together half a pound each of French chalk and Fuller's earth, two ounces of powdered starch and one ounce of yellow ochre. Wet this with boiling water enough to make a thin paste and add one tablespoonful of sweet oil. When cold, spread on the soiled leather and let it remain until dry, then brush off. Wipe off every particle of the cleaning material and polish the leather with wax melted with turpentine (four ounces of wax and one gallon of turpentine). If you wish to darken the leather add a little oil to the wax preparation. Leather that has become dull and shabby looking rub them with the raw material, and keep the surface with the white of an egg well beaten. Leather bags may be cleaned with a sponge dipped in warm water, in which a little oxalic acid has been dissolved.

A soft flannel cloth and salted water should be used for cleaning matting. If there are spots which are soiled rub them with dampened cornmeal, then wash the matting with a soft flannel cloth and cool salt water, allowing a quart of salt to each pail of water. Lastly, wipe off all moisture with a damp cloth. Matting kept clean in this manner will not turn yellow.

The next time you wash the glassware rinse in hot water and plunge the articles in a bucket of water in which there is a cupful of clear starch kept stirred through water. Put the glassware on towels to drain and leave until perfectly dry. Rub with a soft cloth and you will be delighted to see how bright are the pieces. Have a soft brush to clean the cut-glass articles.

Put a few drops of ammonia on a rag to rub finger marks from looking-glasses or windows.

When stewing fruit never use a metal spoon; a wooden spoon is best, and those with short handles are most convenient for thick substances.

Before polishing the stove wash it off with vinegar. It removes all grease, leaving the surface smooth, and keeps the blacking from burning off so quickly, saving much time and labor.

Pretty receptacles for flowers that are inexpensive are goldfish bowls. A small one costs but 10 cents, and will be found most artistic. The nasturtium, rose, mignonette or any dainty flower, placed in a stem is at its best in the clear glass bowl.

Hang on a convenient nail in your kitchen a pair of sharp, medium-sized shears, and with them slices trim of bacon, clipping the edges as they fry, to prevent curling. Trim the edges of your steak before cooking, and cut out the bones with these shears. When lining pie-crusts with pastry, trim the margin with the shears; also cut openings in the top crust to let steam escape. Cut your left overs of meat for meat pie in strips or cubes; your "crotonets" from bread slices also cut with these shears, thus saving many a finger from a cut with a sharp knife when hastily used.

To keep an art square or ingrain rug smoothly on the floor, place under it an old carpet a trifle smaller than the rug. Tack the corners of the under one to the floor if desired; the upper one will cling to it and keep its place much better than if laid on the bare floor.

In making salads do not chop your meats and celery in a chopping bowl—cut into the desired sized pieces with a cleaver. This is quicker, neater and cleaner than the old way.

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CURIOS FACTS

There are 73,000 Baptists in Massachusetts.

It is estimated that there are 46,000 foreigners in China.

Dresden has opened a bathing establishment for dogs.

Shepherd girls in French Switzerland wear men's clothes.

A railway tunnel will soon undermine the great wall of China.

Twenty-four persons living in County Tipperary, Ireland, are centenarians.

The five hundredth anniversary of Leipzig University will be celebrated in 1909.

The best-sugar crop of Europe is estimated for 1907-08 at 6,473,000 metric tons.

Sixty years ago there were only 150,000 children at school in India. Now there are 4,000,000.

The late Collis P. Huntington operated one of the longest railroads in the world at the age of 80.

It is stated that the distribution of \$32,235 among the unemployed of London was done at an expense of \$74,750.

Twenty minutes of rain in a year is sometimes all that southern Egypt gets, and there is no dew in that country.

The present occupant of the Washington plantation in Westmoreland county, Virginia, is named George Washington.

The business of the gondoliers of Venice is being invaded by women, and the men are organizing unions to drive them out.

In Santa Rosa, Cal., is a church with a seating capacity of 200, which is built entirely of timber sawed out of a single redwood tree.

Austria's great salt mine at Wieliczka has 600 miles of galleries and employs 9,000 miners. It has been worked for over 15 centuries.

The Mikado of Japan is fond of outdoor sports and warmly encourages the introduction of football, as played in England and America.

It is reported that Japanese merchants, with the aid of their Government, are making persistent efforts to capture the cotton markets of China.

One of the chief obstacles to American trade in Lower (Mexican) California is the long time taken in transportation from American trade centers.

The latest chair for the victim of seasickness has a movable seat vibrated by an electric motor. This is said to give surprising relief to the sufferer.

In the Vatican at Rome is the largest topaz in the world. It weighs seven pounds and has carvings upon it that occupied three Neapolitan lapidaries 61 years.

The fishhook cactus is literally a compass in the desert. No matter how reflected the rays may be that are reflected from the soil in which it grows, it always tilts its head to the southward.

Twenty years ago a German publisher began to issue a complete collection of Goethe's letters. Thirty-four volumes are now in type, and it is expected that the rest of the letters, which will fill 15 more volumes, will appear within four years.

Near the entrance of the cathedral of Seville hangs a patched and painted crocodile, which once served as a princely love-token, that failed of its mission. In 1200 it was sent by the Sultan of Egypt to a beautiful princess of Spain.

In Swedish Lapland can be seen curious wooden structures on a single pole, which look like a monster pigeon cote. These serve their purpose in protecting the contents of the larger from wolves and foxes. They are themselves the larders.

In Weymouth, England, the oratorio of "The Messiah" was given by a graphophone before an audience of 1,000 people, and was pronounced a complete musical success.

In Germany gas is manufactured on canal boats and used to supply the engines which propel the boats. The system is economical and satisfactory on moderate-sized boats.

Grenoble, France, probably manufactures more ladies' kid gloves than any other place in the world. Paris, Chantou and Milan are also largely engaged in this industry.

In a remote Yorkshire dale, a tourist recently met a lady of 90 who had not left her native vale for seventy years, and who had never seen a railway train, an automobile or a bicycle.

Soap found in a soap-boiler's shop in the ruins of Pompeii, after being buried 1,800 years, still retained its efficacy. Soap is twice mentioned in the Bible, and has been in use 3,000 years.

INTERESTING PROGRAM

An interesting programme has been arranged for the unveiling of the Dagworthy monument near Dageboro on Saturday, May 30th, at 1 o'clock P. M., Decoration Day. Governor Lee will preside and he will accept the monument on the part of the State. Chief Justice Lore will present the monument to the State on behalf of the committee and Dr. George W. Marshall will read a memoir of General John Dagworthy, giving full facts as to his life and his distinguished career as a soldier. Music will be furnished by Freeman Boys Brass Band of Lewes. The Governor's staff will be in attendance and both Governor Crothers, of Maryland and Governor Fort, of New Jersey, have been invited to participate in the proceedings, and will be present either in person or by proxy.

Arrangements have been made for a special train to run through from Wilmington, which will reach Dageboro at noon, and the special train will leave Dageboro about 4 o'clock, after the close of the exercises. Special excursion rates of the exercises. Special excursion rates will be given on the railroad and with fair weather there ought to be a large outpouring of people. The exercises will be free to all and the public is cordially invited.

FARM NEWS AND VIEWS

Brood mares should be fed liberally, but not to excess. They should have the best quality of well cured hay oats and bran. Monthly hay that has been heated in the mow or bale, musty oats and bran that has soured will not supply the proper nutriment for producing stake winners.

The chief causes of bone spavin are working a colt too young, fast driving over slippery roads and jerking and stopping the colt too quickly.

Especially corn and red clover are two of the surest and best crops the dairy farmers of Pennsylvania can grow. Let those good alfalfa who can, but corn and red clover will probably long remain the staple crops.

There is no danger of getting the soil too rich for strawberries. Soil that will raise good potatoes will raise good strawberries. Chip dirt or well-rotted manure, with a little commercial potash and rock phosphate applied with the manure a year before the plants are set, make good fertilizers.

The strawberry bed should be on an elevated plot of land, so drainage will be perfect. While the plants need an abundance of moisture they will perish if there is an excessive supply of water.

Spraying grain fields with a solution of sulphate of iron as a means of killing mustard is an idea which is gaining great prominence in the grain-raising region of the Northwest. It seems to be a pretty well established fact that the scheme is practical.

The few scattering trees in the fence corners are frequently veritable breeding places for insect pests. They should be given just as much attention as the trees in the orchard.

Never allow old wood of raspberries or blackberries to lie around. Burn every bit of it. When the new wood is 18 inches high pinch off to allow lateral growth in the raspberries, but let the blackberries grow to three feet before doing this.

The calf finds in fresh milk while it is still warm with the animal heat of the cow, it is said, a constituent value not found in the milk after it is allowed to get cold. The chemist cannot detect it, and it cannot be restored again by warming the milk. If every calf could be fed its milk sweet, and while it still retained its animal heat, there would no doubt be fewer cat-hammered steers going to the block.

Recently at the Iowa Experiment Station 20 pigs were fed for a time on tuberculosis cows' milk that had not been pasteurized, and 20 others were fed on tuberculosis milk that had been pasteurized. The 20 pigs fed on the raw tuberculous milk all died of tuberculosis, and two of the other pigs died with the same disease. That showed that pasteurizing the milk gave 80 per cent of protection.

A hog fed on sour swill, decayed vegetables and other offal is not fit for food, and there should be a punishment to fit the crime of such feeding.

The small stomach of a horse indicates the impropriety of long fasting. Feed three times a day at all times of the year. Never leave a horse after driving in the mud until his feet and legs are rubbed dry.

It is both wasteful and injurious to keep a supply of hay before a horse all of the time.

A healthy horse is best let alone, and needs no tonic or stimulant other than good solid food to make him thrive.

Always give the colt enough grain to keep growing rapidly, without allowing it to eat so much hay as to become ill-shapely.

Horses, while they are growing, which is for about five years, do not acquire that fineness of texture which gives them stamina and endurance.

Perspiration is necessary for the good health of the horse, and if the skin is not clean and the pores open there will be trouble in this direction.

Grain supply, better than any other available food, the material needed for the development of bone and muscle. They cannot be excelled in food for the growing colt.

One very important item in keeping horses in a good condition is in feeding regularly; when not at work feed a lighter ration; but give it at a regular time daily, not three feeds to-day because they are working, and two feeds to-morrow because they are idle.

Light seed will produce light grain. This has been proved many times. Light seed has not sufficient power to push the young plants during the early stages of growth, and it becomes stunted.

The total crops irrigated by canals in the Northwest Frontier Province of India up to January 1, 1908, covered an area of 125,456 acres. Most of this is planted to wheat, sugar cane, barley and oil seeds.

The breed of sheep that combines a good, long fleece with a large carcass, is the breed for the small-flock owner.

Raise a colt or two this year. The automobile isn't going to drive the horse from the roads. On the contrary, the demand for good horses grows.

Be careful how you work young horses. It is easy to spoil a good young horse by one heavy strain; look out for that.

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HOUSEHOLD LETTER

New York, May 16th, 1908.

Now that Bungalows are fashionable, it is quite possible to be at once comfortable, aesthetic, and smart in one's way of living, at a very moderate expenditure since the new type of cottage costs less to build and furnish than anything known heretofore, excepting perhaps the ugly camp meeting type that was formerly almost the only solution for inexpensive Summer quarters and these did not belong in the same class in any particular.

The simple lines of the Bungalow blend with the natural surroundings whether of shore, wooded background or grassy downs, in a manner that is a delight to the eye, while a roomy interior is possible in even a very small house, since provision is made for very few rooms, which not only cuts down expense but adds materially to the comfort and ease of living. A surprising number of cottages of this sort, designed originally only for Summer occupancy, have been converted into homes for all-the-year-round by a few additions in cellar room and heating contrivances.

Town and Country Drawing Together

The rapid improvement in transportation facilities here in New York, and the development of the motor car has opened up the possibilities of Long Island, New Jersey and Westchester County, to say nothing of the less accessible city boroughs as home sites, in a way that is meeting with evident appreciation by great numbers of people who have hitherto found themselves confined to city apartments.

There is great activity in building loan and other associations, and almost any young couple, if they will, secure a modest home paying for it very little more, or in some cases less, than they would spend for the rent of a city apartment.

Fittings and Furnishings

All the shops are showing a most enticing array of furnishings for Bungalows, verandas and lawns, and here there is chance for economy without loss of smartness, for charming fittings come at very moderate prices for suburban homes. Fittings that are neither cheap in appearance nor flimsy in construction, but rather built to answer the requirements of substantial country living where the boys come in from golf or more practical digging and throw themselves into any easy chair with small thought or care for floor coverings or chair cushions.

Washable Coverings

Most of the coverings for upholstery or lounging purposes are made of washable fabrics, and to meet the demand manufacturers have made quantities of very substantial cotton materials that are exactly suited for couch covers and chair cushions. Denham is one of the cheapest and best of these and admits of very effective decoration in stencilled patterns and simple outline embroideries and appliques. A material known as "Aras" makes excellent covers and comes in a number of desirable shadings in soft blues, greens and browns.

Floor Coverings

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Lawn Parties

Nothing makes more impression upon the American who is in England in the Summer than the great number of lawn parties that are given. In small cathedral towns, or in busy London, wherever the householder possesses a bit of green lawn, in what in New York would be designated as a "back yard," people entertain their friends after a fashion at once simple and charmingly informal with the same spirit shown even in the most pretentious affairs graced by springs royally.

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"Lil Mose," the new Nixon-Nirdlinger-Brown-Sloane somewhat different musical fun play, after the usual blast of trumpets has arrived upon the scene, and has proven the real surprise of the year, both dramatically, musically and artistically.

The fact that its book and lyrics were by novices made critics somewhat skeptical as to its value, but both Mr. Nirdlinger and Mr. Brown have covered themselves with glory in a good book, interesting throughout, concise, bright, clean and wholesome. Baldy-Sloane has again demonstrated that he is the "American Strauss," for his melodies are all catchy, melodious and Sloane-like, which in itself is their best stock in trade. Already the boys everywhere are whistling the dainty waltz theme, "Maid of My Dreams," "I Want Someone to Love Me," "Bambino," the Italian lullaby; "My Holly Holly Only Deutcher Maid," "Good-Bye, Mr. Rag Time," "Ma Dusky Dago Boy," "If 'Tis Love That Makes the World Go Round," and several others that are not whistled, only because they are a trifle more complicated, and harder to catch, but all beautifully, with swinging measure.

The lyrics are particularly good, and, as Billy Jerome, of Jerome and Schwartz, says, "They are printable," which is a really remarkable thing in musical plays.

The company and production which Nixon & Zimmman have secured in presenting "Lil Mose" is most adequate, including Charlotte Lesley, Count de Vasey, Francis May Smith, Bert Kalmer, May McCabe, Ben Ross, John and Harry Ger, Frank Currie, La Belle Robinson, Ruth La Metta, Larry Johnston, Martin Healy, The Electric Comedy Four, The Ellis-Nowlan Acrobatic Troupe, Ludwig's Trained Dogs, and a host of novelties that have to be seen to be appreciated. "Lil Mose" is a three-act musical, moving with rapid-fire speed, amid a constantly-changing color scheme, with novelty and merit to please everybody, and is the season's biggest hit!

MANY DIVORCES ASKED

The trial list for the June term of the Superior Court was issued Tuesday. There are 91 cases on the list, 20 of which were divorce cases. There are 27 cases for argument. The following are the divorce cases: Evelyn Rosa Bartling Beasley vs. Charles Fenton Mercer Beasley; Eliza B. Lynch vs. George H. Lynch; Blanche Adella Masten vs. Herbert Masten; Mary M. Barr vs. Henry A. Barr; Isabella Smith vs. Thomas L. Smith; Arthur Haley vs. Irene Haley; William

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KEPT ITS PLEDGES

"The axiom, 'Nothing succeeds like success,' applies with particular force to the Republican situation in Delaware. The Republican party has been successful because it has kept its pledges with the people, and it will continue to meet with success for the reason that it will carry out its policies of progression to the letter. When a specific plank is inserted in a platform in a State or county convention, it means just what it says, and the recommendation thus made is generally carried out. Instances after instances along this line could be cited were it necessary."

"Whenever any set of men oppose such a happy condition, it can be set down that they are not Republicans at heart and that they are angry because some friend or friends, has not been chosen to some office or been elected to some post of honor to which he aspired. The fact that this individual or these individuals, was outvoted at the polls, that the majority of the voters of a district disagreed with him, counts for naught. He was simply defeated, and, not being able to lead, 'he will not play.' There are one or two cases of this character in lower Delaware just now, but, luckily for the real Republicans of the State, they are in an absolutely hopeless minority."—State Sentinel.

NEW JURIES DRAWN

J. Wilkins Cooch and Harlan G. Scott, jury commissioners, drew two juries for the June term of court. One jury is the regular petit jury and is to report on June 1st, and the other is the Oyer and Terminer jury and will report on June 3d. The complete list of jurors drawn is as follows:

Petit Jury
First Representative District—William P. Windish, Harvey W. Martin, Walter Keating, Samuel C. Sparks.
Second—William A. McCafferty, John M. Cannon, William R. Beckley, John M. Flanagan.
Third—J. Jerome Smith, Louis H. Cox, Jr., Horace S. Allen, William G. Bagth, Fourth—Allen Gathright, Jr., Conrad Keller, Edgar H. Bayne and William D. Shaw.
Fifth—Edward H. Spencer, Philip J. Green, Robert B. Cooling, Martin Joyce.
Sixth—John D. McCrea and Clarence Frain.

Oyer and Terminer
First Representative District—James A. Hart, William Maxwell.
Second—William Springer, Elwood H. Brown.
Third—William T. Means, Enoch H. Johnson.
Fourth—J. Jackson Pierce, Clement B. Hallam.
Fifth—John J. McGovern, Calvin M. Hazell.
Sixth—Thomas Deakney, William Martine.
Seventh—William Arnold and Samuel Brown.
Eighth—Alfred W. Walker, Abram B. Dennison.
Ninth—Thomas Ewing.
Tenth—Laust A. Rogers and Richard Murphy.
Eleventh—Caleb N. Price.
Twelfth—William J. Beck.
Thirteenth—James C. Ginn.
Fourteenth—Lewis R. King.
Fifteenth—Abram Reeder.

IMPRESSED THE GOVERNOR

Governor Preston Lea returned to his summer home, near Delaware City, late Saturday afternoon, from Washington, where he has been attending the conference of governors looking to the conservation of the resources of the country. The governor was much impressed with the importance of the subject under discussion, and is of the opinion that much ultimate good will result from the conference.

"The conference was a great success," said Governor Lea Saturday evening, "and the subjects considered were regarded as of grave importance by those in attendance. It is a deep subject, and was ably discussed in a number of papers, which dealt with many phases of the country's resources. This conference will create much public interest all over the country, especially through the various governors of the States, who will take the subject up in their own way, and I believe great benefit to each State and the country at large will be the result."

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CHESAPEAKE CITY

John Reed spent Thursday in Philadelphia.

Byron Bouchelle was in Baltimore recently.

T. C. Kibler, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday in town.

Thomas Price, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his family.

Nelson Cooling has accepted a position on the "Lord Baltimore."

Miss Beesie Barwick was entertained by Miss Ethel Ellison on Sunday.

Mrs. E. H. Banks was a visitor in Wilmington several days last week.

Dr. W. C. Karsner is having his residence on Bohemia avenue repainted.

Mrs. Henry Lindsey visited relatives in Wilmington on Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. William S. Byers entertained several of her friends last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. J. Grooms Steele and Miss Evelyn Kibler spent Wednesday in Philadelphia.

William T. Harriott opened a skating rink on Tuesday in the pavilion adjoining his hotel.

John Ross, of Fredericktown, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Metz on Saturday.

Mrs. Laura Laws has left for New York, after spending sometime with Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Laws.

John Alley, of Wilmington, N. J., was the guest of Mrs. William Hudson several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Creamer, of Wilmington, have been visiting her mother, Mrs. James Vaughan.

On Tuesday last John Bristow, in attempting to jump over a hitching post, fell and broke his arm in two places.

M. Bates Stephens, State Superintendent of Education and Examiner George Biddle visited the schools here on Wednesday.

Harold Steele, Frank Clayton and Z. T. Cooling, Jr., enjoyed a trip to Baltimore last week on J. H. Steele's schooner "Bohemia."

Rev. James Mitchell was suddenly taken ill while holding service in the Church of the Good Shepherd on Sunday morning and had to close the service.

Mr. and Mrs. James Burgee, Miss Biddle and Mr. Biddle, of North East, and Miss Mullen, of Avondale, Pa., were entertained by Miss Fanny Brooks on Sunday.

The Chesapeake City baseball club defeated the Elk Mills team in an interesting game of ball on Saturday by a score of 3 to 2. The feature of the game was the pitching of G. C. Cooling, having struck out twenty-one men.

The commencement address will be delivered this year by Rev. Herman C. Fox, D. D., of Philadelphia. Dr. Fox is a very entertaining speaker, having completely charmed all who heard him recently at the Presbyterian Church. The Chesapeake City Cornet Band will furnish the music for the commencement. Reserved seat tickets for sale at Alexander's drug store.

The Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. R. C. Walker, assisted by Rev. T. C. Smoot, will be delivered in the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, at 10.30 A. M. The Methodist Church will close for the morning service, and the Methodist choir will assist the Presbyterian choir with the special music. All the students that have been in attendance at the High School, the graduates of the school, the Trustees and the Faculty of the High School and the public school are requested to meet at the "Old Academy" at 10.15 A. M.

PROMISING CROP PROSPECTS

Barring unexpected contingencies, this country will have an ample supply of bread making material this year, including a substantial amount of grain and flour for sale to the hungry nation abroad.

That, in brief, is the meaning of the government crop report for May, which has been published, and indicates that the condition of winter wheat is better by some six per cent, than was the case on the same date in 1907. Last year's yield was fair, both in quantity and quality, and one result has been that the Western farmers have felt the stress of hard times far less than multitudes of people in other parts of the country, while the purchases they have been able to make have aided materially in keeping industrial and commercial conditions from becoming any worse.

A "bumper" crop such as that of 1906 is perhaps not to be expected, for the amount of wheat raised that season broke all previous records. But if the figures of the Department of Agriculture are approximately reliable there should be a handsome return to some millions of farmers this fall; and this is reasonably sure to make its influence felt in the centres of manufacture and trade.

TO GIVE COUNTRY BOY A CHANCE

The State Board of Education will probably at its June meeting take some action toward making a new recommendation to the coming Legislature. One provision of the present school law gives 150 children—and that number only—in New Castle, Kent and Sussex counties, an appropriation of \$15 a year to pay their tuition in a high school if there be no high school facilities in the district where the child lives. The quota is always full to overflowing and some are naturally left outside which causes fathers to aver that their sons have no chances. Many of the high schools are glad to get these bright country scholars with the additional \$15 of State money, but Wilmington High School with its additional equipment and higher-paid teachers, asked \$40 for each outsider. There is some talk among the educators of raising the limit if there can be any possibility of obtaining an increased appropriation.

The Coming Registration Days

There will be five registration days for voters this year. They will be on August 1st, 8th and 15th, September 19th and October 17th. If registered on the first three days named in August, the voter will be qualified to cast his ballot for the election of delegates to the State convention at which candidates for Governor will be nominated. This is a most important point and should not be lost sight of. Those who register on September 19th and October 17th, are not entitled to vote at the general election next November.

CANNOT BE PRESENT

Mr. J. J. Woods, of McDonough, received the following letter which will explain itself.

Rome, May 6th, 1908.

J. J. Woods, Esq., McDonough, Del.

My DEAR SIR: Your letter of the 12th of March reached me as I was on the point of sailing for Naples, and I am not sure that I have answered it. If I have not, I must ask you to excuse the omission.

I am indeed very sorry that I cannot be with you at the Bi-centennial of Old Drawyers Church, this year, both because of the intrinsic interest of the occasion and because of the connection of my old friend Lewis C. Vandegrift, with your Society. I trust that it may yet be my good fortune to be with you at one of your annual meetings. It is probable that I shall be abroad nearly a year and a half. Years of overseas of my eyes has compelled me for a time to suspend active labor, but I shall cherish the hope of being with you at some future day.

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OFFICE OF REGISTER OF WILLS, NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., Mar. 3, 1908.

Upon the application of Ellen Bradley, Administratrix of Emily Whitlock late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Administratrix do give notice of granting of Letters of Administration upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of each of the following public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having claims against the estate to present the same, or advise by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middle-town Transcript, a newspaper published in Middletown, Delaware, and to be continued therein ten times.

Given under the hand and seal of said office of the Register of Wills, at Wilmington, in New Castle County, Delaware, the day and year above written.

FRANCIS M. WALKER, Register of Wills.

Notice—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form and law granted under the undersigned, on the 13th day of March A. D. 1908, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, or advise, to said Administratrix, on or before the 13th day of March, 1908, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

ELLEN BRADLEY, Administratrix.

Address: Martin B. Burris, Esq., Attorney-at-Law, Middletown, Delaware.

NOTICE!

I, CALVIN P. STIDHAM, tenant of the house known as the Stidham House, situated at Odessa, in School District No. 61, county of New Castle and State of Delaware, in compliance with the requirements of the acts of the General Assembly, in such cases made and provided, do hereby give notice that I shall apply in writing to the Court of General Sessions of the State of Delaware, in and for New Castle County, on MONDAY, the 1st day of June A. D. 1908, being the next term of said court, for a license for said house as an inn or tavern for the sale therein of intoxicating liquors in quantities less than one quart, and to be drunk on the premises, and the following respectable citizens of said School District, at least six of whom are substantial freeholders of said School District, recommend the said application, viz:

John M. Greenminger, Andrew Wiest, John W. Smith, Thos. P. Wallace, Chas. Kronmeier, F. J. Penington, Harry Wiest, Jacob Muehlberger, Victor Long, William Greenminger, C. E. Stidham, John G. Kielkopf.

CALVIN P. STIDHAM.

ODESSA, DEL., April 29th, 1908.

NOTICE!

I, J. Harry Massey, owner and tenant of the house known as the Cantwell House, situated at Odessa, in School District No. 61, county of New Castle and State of Delaware, in compliance with the requirements of the acts of the General Assembly, in such cases made and provided, do hereby give notice that I shall apply in writing to the Court of General Sessions of the State of Delaware, in and for New Castle County, on MONDAY, the 1st day of June A. D. 1908, being the next term of said court, for a license of said house as an inn or tavern for the sale therein of intoxicating liquors in quantities less than one quart, to be drunk on the premises, and the following respectable citizens of said School District, at least six of whom are substantial freeholders of said School District, recommend the said application, viz:

John Heller, Robert Swan, William Greenminger, E. E. Tucker, Isaac G. Lightcap, Jr., John F. Morris, John M. Greenminger, L. A. Plummer, Thomas P. Wallace, H. Heller, Jacob Muehlberger, Frank Dugan, George Holm.

J. HARRY MASSEY.

ODESSA, DEL., April 29th, 1908.

TAX COLLECTOR'S SALE!

By virtue of the power in me vested by the laws of the State of Delaware, I have levied on and will expose to public sale, the Road Commissioner's Office, in the village of Blackbird.

ON SATURDAY, THE 13th DAY OF JUNE, 1908, AT 10 o'clock A. M.

In default of the payment of \$9.21 County, Road and Poor Taxes lawfully assessed for the years 1905, 1906 and 1907, the following described real estate, to-wit:

All that certain piece or parcel of land, situate in Blackbird Hundred, New Castle County and State of Delaware near the northern side of a new road leading to Dexter's Corner, adjoining lands now or late of Richard Marim and others. Beginning at a stone in a swamp and running thence eighty and one-quarter degrees east thirty-six and sixty-eight hundredths perches to lands now or late of Richard Marim; thence with the said land the ten following courses and distances, north fifty and one-half degrees east seven and four-tenths perches; thence north thirty-five and one-half degrees east seven and thirty-six hundredths perches; thence north nine and one-half degrees east four and four-tenths perches; thence north one and three-tenths degrees east five-tenths perches; thence north seventy-seven and a quarter degrees west eighteen and nine-tenths perches; thence north sixty-one and three-fourths degrees west sixteen and one-half perches; thence south ten and one-half degrees west eighty-two and six-tenths perches to the place of beginning, containing sixteen acres and twelve perches more or less.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Manlove S. Jones, and to be sold by

JOHN BEITH, Collector of Taxes for Blackbird Hundred

SHERIFF'S SALE—BY VIRTUE OF

a writ of *Levi Facias* to me directed, will be exposed to Public Sale, at the Court House, on Market street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, in the city of Wilmington, New Castle county, Delaware,

ON MONDAY, THE 1st DAY OF JUNE, 1908, AT 9.30 o'clock A. M., the following described real estate, viz:

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, situate in the city of Wilmington aforesaid and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning on the easterly side of West street between Eighth and Ninth streets at the distance of one hundred and thirty-two feet eight inches from the northerly side of Eighth street, and at a corner of land now or formerly of Ferris Bringham; thence thereby southerly along said side of West street twenty-six feet one inch to the middle of the brick wall dividing this from the adjoining house on the south; thence easterly and parallel with Eighth and through the middle of said brick partition wall one hundred feet to a stake; thence northerly and parallel to West street twenty-six feet one inch to the place of beginning, be the contents thereof when they were.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Martha Knowles, administratrix of Ella M. Knowles, deceased mortgagor, James G. Knowles, co-mortgagor, being also deceased, and to be sold by

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Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Delaware, May 15th, 1908.

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Going North—7:25 a. m., 10:05 a. m., 4:05 p. m., 6:00 p. m. and 8 p. m.
Going South—8:00 a. m., 4:15 p. m., and 9 p. m.
For Odessa—7:50 a. m., 8:30 a. m., 11:30 a. m., 4:50 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton and Earlville 9:30 a. m., and 4:45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., MAY 23, 1908.

Local News

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Dr. J. C. Stites has removed his dental office to the building recently vacated by the Western Union Telegraph Co., next door to J. L. Shepherd's office.

The ladies of St. Francis Xavier's Catholic Church, Bohemia, will hold a Strawberry Festival in Warwick, Md., June 4th and 5th.

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FOR SALE.—Roe Comb Rhode Island Red eggs, by the setting or in 100 lots. The chicken for the farmer as they are great winter layers. Inquire of T. S. FOURCARE, C. P. COCHRAN, Middletown, Del.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending May 14th: Mr. Albert W. Avery (two), Mr. Harry Blackstone, Mr. Moses Camper, Mr. Loyd Coleus.

"Mr. John H. Clendaniel purchased of Mrs. Robert H. Vandyke, the Carr farm located near Kennedysville and containing 408 acres. The price is said to be about \$20,000, and includes the crops.—*Chesapeake Enterprise.*

September 1, 2, 3, and 4 have been selected as dates for the county fair to be held under the auspices of Pomona Grange of New Castle county. The fair will be held at Waasest Park, near Wilmington, where it was held last year.

Two hundred ladies, misses' and children's trimmed hats, all the latest styles and best quality to be put on sale to-day at half price. This special half price sale will continue all next week, new hats to be trimmed up every day. A. FOGEL.

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"Barring any extreme shock or injury, the State of Delaware will have the largest peach crop for fifteen years," says Professor Webb, of the State Board of Agriculture. Mr. Webb is also one of the best posted men on peaches in Delaware, being the State's orchard expert.

Mr. N. J. Williams has sold his mare, Phyllis Directum, to a party in Wilmington, for \$500. The horsemen of Wilmington are fast realizing that this section is producing the best horses to be found on the Peninsula, and know where to come when they want a good one.

ELOCUTION.—Classes in Elocution, Voice and Physical Culture are being formed under the instruction of Louise Masters Eves who has a studio of Expression in Wilmington. Miss Eves is a graduate of Emerson College of Oratory, Boston and has had several years of successful teaching.

The price of beef, in practically all the Delaware towns has gone up—the best cuts from 18 to 24 cents. There is very little competition by breeders of home cattle. Home-dressed spring lamb loins are selling for 30 cents the pound. The householder, however, takes one consolation in the fact that milk is going down to five cents per quart.

For those who object to wire netting in the windows during the summer a new idea has been found to prevent flies and such annoying pests from entering the house. This new preventive is a window box of mignonette. It seems that the insects do not care to face the odor of this charming flower, so that it is an effective barrier against their invasion. It sounds like a very pretty idea and we may expect to see the ugly wire screens entirely discarded and the window decorated with tiny boxes filled with sweet blossoms.

Great bargains in Mill end goods and remnants. Call and look them over.
Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.

Rt. Rev. J. H. Darlington, Bishop of Harrisburg, administered the Rite of Confirmation in St. Anne's Church, Thursday evening, May 21st, at 7:30 P. M.

Strawberries are becoming more plentiful and were retailed about town this week by country growers at 17 cents a quart.

WANTED.—By a single farmer a working housekeeper. Apply to
A. B. PRICE, Cecilton, Md.

Straw hats are gradually making their debut, although the frequent rains and cool weather combined have had a tendency to bar their early appearance.

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H. C. JONES.

At the 200th Anniversary of Old Drury's Presbyterian Church, near Odessa, which will take place on Sunday, June 7th, the Rev. George Hanley Wailes, of Philadelphia, will preach the sermon in the morning, and Ex-United States Senator Anthony Higgins will make the address in the afternoon. If the weather should prove favorable, a large number of people will be in attendance.

The members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold a Rummage Sale and Bake to-day (Saturday) in the room over the New Era office. Some of the articles sold will be new. Come up and buy your cakes and pies for Sunday. We think we can please you. The proceeds from the sale will be given to the "Home for Friendless Children" at St. Georges. We will be glad to have your help.
SECRETARY.

Miss Eleanor M. Conlyn, of Wilmington, and Mr. Eugene Racine, of Cecil County, Md., were married on Saturday evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Conlyn. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. A. C. Westerfield, of Ashbury M. Church, Wilmington, in the presence of a number of friends and relatives. A reception followed, after which Mr. and Mrs. Racine left for their new home on Bohemia Manor.

The sale of the Odessa & Middletown railway which was made on May 6th by David T. Marvel, special master appointed by the United States Court in this case, is to come before the court for confirmation on May 23d, at which time all persons interested have been notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the sale should not be confirmed. The future of the road is not known, and it is hardly likely that anything definite will be decided until after the sale has confirmed.

The order relative to the return of packages free of charge issued by Charles E. Kigou, Division Freight Agent, is in effect June 3. The free return covers empty peach baskets and crates, berry crates, vegetable baskets and crates, egg crates and chicken coops, which have been received filled, by freight, from Philadelphia, Chester and Wilmington, at all points on the Delaware Division: Baltimore, Chesapeake & Atlantic Railway; Maryland, Delaware & Virginia Railway, and New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk Railroad, north of and including Cape Charles. It is understood that other orders covering points not in Mr. Kingston's Division have been issued making the return of all of the above named packages from Baltimore, Maryland and some other points.

DELAWARE COLLEGE

Next week will be commencement week at Delaware College, and Sunday will mark the beginning, when the Rev. George C. Hall, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, will preach the sermon before the Young Men's Christian Association of the college. The sermon will be preached in the college oratory on Sunday morning. The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Harvey W. Ewing, class of '84, of Massachusetts.

Class day exercises will be held on Monday at 5 o'clock. On Tuesday there will be a meeting of the board of trustees at 11 o'clock. The interclass field sports will be held at the Huber track at 2:30 P. M. In the evening there will be an exhibition drill of cadets. Commencement exercises will be held on Wednesday morning, beginning at 10:30 o'clock. Professor E. N. Vallandigham, '73, of Chestnut Hill, Mass., will make the annual address. At 1 o'clock there will be luncheon for visitors and Alumni will hold its annual dinner.

NEW WHARF AT AUGUSTINE

The work of building a wharf at Augustine Pier has been commenced and William J. Thompson, the "Duke of Gloucester," expects to have the landing completed in about five weeks. The new wharf will be 800 feet long and 20 feet wide, and will be about 100 feet north of the present structure. Seventy-five men are employed on the operation and it will require 600 piles to be driven by the usual machine.

Mr. Thompson will double the working force in a few days, in order to have a temporary structure ready for use on May 24, to accommodate an excursion booked for that date. It is said that he intends also to establish a park, about one mile back in the country, which will be reached by a private trolley line from the wharf.

New Summer Millinery.—Pretty trimmed hats for ladies and children at half price.
Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.

OBITUARY

ELIJAH BENDLER, SR.
After a long illness, Elijah Bendler, Sr., died at the home of his son, Woodruff Bendler, in Summit Bridge, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, aged 87 years. Mr. Bendler, who was a former resident of Dover, has made his home at Summit Bridge for the past ten years, and his many friends were sorry to learn of his death. Funeral services will be held at the residence of his son in Summit Bridge, this (Saturday) afternoon at one o'clock, and interment will be made in Bethel Cemetery.

PERSONALITIES

Miss Emma Merritt was in Wilmington on Thursday.

Mr. C. P. Cochran spent Wednesday in Philadelphia.

Miss Bertha Jones spent Sunday with Clayton relatives.

Mrs. F. H. Lockwood spent Wednesday in Philadelphia.

Mrs. A. M. Heaton was in Philadelphia part of last week.

Mr. John F. Metten, of Philadelphia, was a Sunday visitor in town.

Mrs. Samuel Brockson has been spending several days in Philadelphia.

Mrs. L. E. Cullen is spending a few days with her daughter in Milford.

Mrs. Martin B. Burris is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Arthur, in Kenton.

Mrs. H. R. Jones, of Wyncote, Pa., has been visiting Mrs. James R. Hoffecker.

Miss Dora R. Price left Tuesday for an extended visit with friends in Suffolk, Va.

Mrs. Lucy Green and daughter, Miss Eliza, are visiting her sons in New York City.

Miss Iona Benson, of Cecilton, Md., was entertained on Sunday by Miss Anna Denny.

Miss Ada Scott was the guest of Miss Anna Talbot, in Clayton, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Tasker, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with Mrs. Alexander Metten.

Rev. G. P. Jones spent part of this week in Baltimore, attending the General Conference.

Miss Annie Jacobs, of Frederica, is spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Long.

Mr. and Mrs. Nattie Clendaniel, of near Chesterdown, Md., were Middletown visitors on Friday.

Miss Gertrude McCrone, of near St. Georges, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Ida R. McCrone.

Mrs. J. B. Messick left Friday for a two weeks' visit in Georgetown, Rehoboth and Ocean City, Md.

Mrs. J. H. Mendinall, of Wilmington, was the guest of her father, Mr. C. P. Cochran, part of this week.

Mrs. E. W. Pharo and son, of Camden, N. J., spent Sunday with her parents at "Black House," near town.

Mrs. John Pike and daughter, Miss Anna, of Chester, Pa., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Taylor.

Mr. Grant Rowbotham, of Philadelphia, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Samuel Price and family.

Rev. F. H. Moore attended the unveiling of the Makemie Monument at Makemie Park, Va., last week.

Mr. George I. Lockwood, of Chicago, Ill., is spending two weeks with his mother, Mrs. Adelaide Lockwood.

Mrs. E. W. Caswell, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is spending some time with her mother, Mrs. Mary E. Jones, on East Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorndyke Roe, of Greenwood, spent Friday and Saturday of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Hopkins.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Edwards, of near Middletown, spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. John J. Jolls, on North Broad street.

Mrs. H. B. McDowell, Mrs. Richard Cunn, Mrs. John C. Stites, Miss Mary Hutehins and Miss Martha Heaton were in Lewes this week, attending the State Federation of Clubs.

New stock, special bargains in dry goods and notions. Call and see our new store.
Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.

WATERWAY ESTIMATES

Professor Haupt Gives Figures on Canal Project
Prof. Paul M. Haupt, of Philadelphia, has on request furnished Congress an estimate on deepening and widening the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal. Prof. Haupt reports as follows:—

"You asked me to figure on a canal of 15 feet depth and 150 feet width, which contains, in round numbers, 34,000,000 cubic yards, of which 16,500,000 are already removed, leaving but 17,500,000 to excavate and because of the existence of the continuous waterway it might all be taken out at hydraulic dredging prices for say at 16 cents per yard, so that the cost would be only \$2,800,000 for this part of the work of creating a tide-level canal and with this ample bottom width it could readily be deepened by dredging, continuing the same side strokes to the 30 foot depth with a bottom width of some 75 feet.

This enlargement would require the removal of some 4,500,000 yards, which at 16 cents would cost only \$720,000. This would seem to me to be the most rational and economical mode of procedure, and it would remove the greatest obstacle to legislation by reducing the size of the appropriation.

"The great advantage of water carriage in the removal of the spoils, which is inherent to this route alone, will become more apparent when it is considered that the unit price may be reduced by at least ten cents per yard as compared with the cost of dry removal, and if this economy be applied to the proposed 33 foot project, after deducting the portion already excavated, there will remain (50,670,500 minus 16,500,000) 34,170,500 cubic yards, which at 10 cents would represent a saving of \$3,417,050, and asset well worthy of consideration, which appears to have escaped the attention of the commission. Thus by crediting this route with the excavation already completed and the facility for hydraulic prices afforded the estimate may be reduced some \$7,400,000."

She Repents Late
A woman, who two weeks ago, left her husband and four children at Ellendale and was reported as having eloped with another man, has written a despairing letter to a resident of Greenwood, in which she declares that life is unbearable without her children, that her heart aches for them, and urges the Greenwood woman to use her best endeavors to bring about some sort of reconciliation.

Medical Examining Board
The Medical Examining Board, representing the presenting the president and fellows of the Medical Society of Delaware, will meet in Dover on June 16th, 17th and 18th, to examine candidates for certificates.

ODESSA

George W. Davis spent Tuesday in Philadelphia.

Mr. Lee Heller spent Saturday with friends in Wilmington.

Isaac Huhn, of Galena, Md., visited his father here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eccles spent one day this week in Wilmington.

Mrs. Kate Given is spending sometime with relatives in Philadelphia.

Mr. I. G. Webb was a Philadelphia visitor the first part of this week.

Isaac G. Lightcap, Jr., spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Wilmington.

Mr. James H. Hallett, of Philadelphia, is visiting his brother, Rev. R. L. Hallett and family.

Mr. Earl Ward has returned from a few days' visit with friends in Chester and Philadelphia.

Mrs. Joseph Carrow and son Raynor are visiting friends in Camden, N. J., and Philadelphia.

Miss Sadie Gray, of near town, spent one day this week as the guest of Rev. D. J. Givan and wife.

Mrs. Caroline Hahn has returned home from a visit with James H. S. Gam and wife, in Stevens.

Oliver C. Stevens who has been traveling through the southern states, spent Sunday with his wife.

Rev. D. J. Givan, wife and son Kenneth spent Thursday at the home of Wilmer George and family, near town.

Mrs. L. G. Webb entertained one day this week her mother, Mrs. Margaret Ginn, and Mr. A. Quillen, of Townsend.

Mrs. Thomas Higgins, of New York, and Mrs. Tybott, of Washington, D. C., are the guests of Mr. D. W. Corbit and wife.

Epworth League devotional service held every Sunday evening, beginning at 7 o'clock. Leader for to-morrow evening is Miss Mary E. Lightcap. An invitation is extended to all.

To-morrow (Sunday), morning the members of Col. John W. Andrews Post of this town, will attend service at St. Paul's M. E. Church, at which time Rev. D. J. Givan will preach a special sermon to them. All members of the Post will meet at the church not later than 10:15 o'clock.

The festival and entertainment which was given on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, by the Brotherhood and ladies of St. Paul's M. E. Church, proved to be a success in every way. As far as can be learned about 75 dollars was realized, which will be used for the purpose of fixing up a reading room in the church for the benefit of the Brotherhood.

LOCAL OPTION CANVASS

A convention of those interested in further local option agitation in New Castle county has been called to meet in Room 611, Equitable Building, Wilmington, on Tuesday morning next at 10 o'clock. The call is signed by D. B. Maloney, County chairman, and Rev. John M. Arters, superintendent Anti-Saloon League.

According to reports the temperance folks are going to prepare for an active campaign to try to get a majority of the candidates to the Legislature from Wilmington and rural New Castle County favorable to submission of the question of license or no license again next year.

The Anti-License Committee, it is said, will call upon every Republican and Democrat candidate for the Legislature to declare himself for or against a local option law for Wilmington and rural New Castle County, and it is said by one of the most active temperance men that a "Dry Democrat" ticket and a "Dry Republican" ticket may be put in the field in the coming campaign.

The intention is said to be to include on the "dry" tickets all regular party nominees for the Legislature who declare for local option, and to place temperance Republicans and temperance Democrats on the "dry" tickets in place of the regular party legislative nominees who will not stand for local option legislation. By this method the temperance leaders hope to get the full strength of temperance Republicans and Democrats for legislative candidates favorable to local option, without jeopardizing the chances of the State or county tickets of the Republicans or Democrats.

BASE BALL

Middletown and Smyrna Clubs Play 13 Inning Tie
A game of base ball of more than usual interest was played at Smyrna, on Saturday afternoon last, when the local team played the Smyrna club a 13 inning tie game—score 3 to 3. Several times during the game the home team had the lead but the Smyrna team would have the good luck to tie the score and when the home team had men on bases, the necessary hit to score could not be gotten.

Byron, Richards and E. Gibbs were the battery for Middletown, while Inman Turner did the battery work for Smyrna.

At the beginning of the 14th the captains of the two teams called the game in order to let the visitors catch the train. The line-up for the Smyrna team was: Turner, c; Curry, 2d b; Inman, p; Lynam, 1st b; Stevens, l. f.; Reynolds, c. f.; Hynson, s; King, 3d b; Griffith, r. f. The line-up for Middletown: Gibbs, c; Byron, p; Richards, 1st b; Jolls, 2d b; Donovan, 3d b; Manlove, s.; Lewis, l. f.; Donohue, c. f.; Woolford, r. f. The score was: R 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0—3 Middletown 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 to-day.

Bank Authorized to Begin Business
The Comptroller of the Currency has authorized the First National Bank of Felton, to begin business. The capital of the bank will be \$25,000, and the officers are F. L. Hardesty, president; John Heyd, vice-president, and J. H. Whitaker, cashier.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY R. R. FARD.
Wheat—No. 1, \$.96 Corn—No. 2, Yellow, shelled 75 Timothy Seed \$3.25 Oats—cob., 73 Clover Seed 22 Oats 70

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEY.
Eggs, per doz., 16@18 Country Butter, per lb., 22@27 Creamery Butter, per lb., 20@22 Live Chickens, per lb., 12@13 Potatoes, 12@14

TOWNSEND

Mrs. Ida Clough is visiting her mother in Clayton.

Mrs. Anna Hance, of New Castle, is the guest of Miss Laura Heavell.

Mrs. Jones, of Greensboro, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Rosa Foraker.

Miss Elizabeth Revis, of Smyrna, has been visiting Miss Ruth Richardson.

Miss Marion Lockerman, of Millington, visited Miss Beulah Hodgson over Sunday.

Miss Etta Talley, of Wilmington, has been the guest of Mrs. Otto Marvel this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Wilmington, spent Wednesday with Thomas Wells and family.

Miss Rebecca Bartley, of Wilmington, was the guest of Mrs. William Joiner last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Foster, of Philadelphia, visited George Knotts and family on Sunday.

Mrs. S. J. Brockson, of Middletown, visited friends in town the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knotts and family, of Cheswood, spent Sunday with George Ginn and family.

Miss Karlina Hart has been spending sometime with her aunt, Mrs. James Wilson, of Smyrna.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Daring and baby, of Philadelphia, are the guests of Miss Ella Maloney this week.

Mrs. Emma Manning and Mrs. Addie Davis, of near town, spent Sunday with Mrs. Richard Donohue.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Watts and son, of Cecilton, spent Sunday and Monday with L. B. Shockley and family.

Miss Gladys Jacobs, of Millington, visited her grandfather, Thomas Maloney, the latter part of the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Finley and Master George Hart, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with G. M. D. Hart and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Sargent and daughter, of Wilmington, visited George W. VanDyke and family on Sunday.

Mrs. John Morris and son, and Mrs. James Lee and son, of near Smyrna, visited relatives in town on Wednesday.

Frank Somers, of Philadelphia, and Messrs. John and Bar Weldon, of Wilmington, visited relatives here over Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Watts, wife of Nichols Watts, a well-known citizen of Townsend, underwent a successful operation at her home in Townsend last week. A Philadelphia specialist performed the operation. Mrs. Watts has been dangerously ill with a stomach trouble for about two weeks, and it was finally decided to resort to the operation to save her life.

CECILTON

Mrs. William Brown spent last Monday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Helen Hall has been visiting relatives in Kent County.

Mr. Starr, of Baltimore, has been visiting his daughter, M. R. Black.

Raymond Watts, of Townsend, spent several days with relatives here.

Miss Margaret Bullock, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Rev. O. E. Jones, J. H. Smith and F. F. Myres spent last Tuesday in Elkton.

Misses Mollie Richard and Marion Cannon spent a few days in Philadelphia last week.

Mr. John Anderson spent Monday and Tuesday of last week in Baltimore and Wilmington.

Mr. William Brown, Jr., who is attending business school in Wilmington, spent Sunday with his parents here.

Harry Freeman, of Philadelphia, spent several days with his cousins, Walter and John Clayton, near town.

Mr. Alexander, wife and family, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. James Brown and wife.

Messrs. R. W. Blackway, William Luther and Mr. Gonce spent last Wednesday and Thursday in Baltimore.

Mr. Albert Vande, and son Edgar were the guests of her parents, Mr. L. Shockley and wife in Townsend, on Sunday and Monday.

Class Day exercises were held in the school house on Tuesday afternoon. A very pleasant time was had by the many guests present.

Mrs. George Padley and daughter, Miss Blanche, and Mrs. Arthur Davis and son, Walter Clayton spent a few days in Wilmington this week.

Rev. F. F. Carpenter, of Wilmington, will give an address in the M. E. Church on Friday evening, May 29th, to the League on the "Twentieth Century Methodism" and Miss Gunkel, of Warwick will sing. Be sure to come.

WARWICK

Miss Bessie W. Gunkel was at Sassafras on Wednesday.

The lodge boys meet each Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Miss Elizabeth Minch, of Harrington, is the guest of Mrs. R. E. Merritt.

Mr. J. Harry Holden, of Chester, Pa., spent Sunday with his parents here.

Mrs. E. M. Holden entertained her father and sister, of Chesapeake City, on Sunday.

Mrs. Urie P. Ginn entertained her mother, Mrs. Verena L. Vinyard, part of last week.

Mr. D. S. Cannon, of Philadelphia, visited her mother, Mrs. Mary A. Lohand on Sunday.

The Rev. C. M. Cultum delivered an address to the Jr. O. U. A. M., at Sassafras on Tuesday.

Mr. Eccleston Marsh, of St. Johns, who was compelled to give up his studies Easter owing to rheumatism, is now convalescing.

The members of St. Francis R. C. Church will hold a strawberry and ice cream festival in the lodge room for two evenings next month.

A BUSINESS VENTURE

BY MATTIE M. BOTTLER

I don't see how I'm to get to the schoolhouse.

Miss Hall stepped to the door and gazed down the road. It was raining and the mass of slush and mud out in the road was suggestive of anything but terra firma.

I low if you cut across the meadow, you can make it. The young girl drew her waterproof about her, shivering apprehensively.

Now, if I were in St. Louis, I should have only to step onto the car and be set down at the schoolhouse door. But all of this comes from listening to the doctor's fine theories about invigorating walks and country air, she said complainingly.

I s'pose, too, they give right smart more pay in St. Louis? Yes, but it costs more to live there. Six dollars a week for board.

Six dollars a week! removing her hands from the bread she was kneading. Land o' love! I reckon there ain't many that'd pay it.

I think there were sixteen at our boarding house last winter. Six times six is thirty-six; six ones is six and three are nine—then aloud, Why, that's well onto a hundred dollars a week.

Oh, yes, with the transient boarders it amounted to quite that.

She laid up considerable at them rates, I s'pose? Nancy Kalometer's eyes had grown very sharp, and there was an eager note in her voice as she asked the question.

On the contrary, I don't think the poor woman ever made a living, Miss Hall rejoined, as she raised her umbrella and stepped out into the pelting rain.

Mrs. Kalometer stood watching the little schoolman as he picked her way daintily across the lot.

A hundred dollars a week! she muttered, drawing her breath sharply. Shiftless, good-for-nothing creature she was, like enough. A hundred dollars! Why, with all her slaving and drudging, that was more than she had made in a whole year. Truly, the past year had not been a successful one. The crops had been little better than a failure; the murrain had taken her best cow, and worst of all, the man to whom she had let Mary Jane's twenty-acre patch had decamped between days without paying his rent. These facts were all the more exasperating to Nancy Kalometer, because she had always prided herself on knowing how to manage her own affairs.

The small farm house, with its patch of worn-out ground, had been her marriage portion. Contrary to the prevailing custom, she had retained the property in her own name, declaring that she could hold that farm in her name just as well as Joel Kalometer could in his. The adjoining twenty acres Joel had purchased. At his death, several years before the opening of our story, the land had reverted to their one daughter, Mary Jane. It was to be held in trust by her mother until she should marry, or until she should have reached the age of 25.

Mary Jane was a pretty sensible young woman, and had no lack of suitors. But on one and all her mother looked with disapproval. While she had, doubtless, a motherly interest in her happiness, it was the fate of the twenty acres that seemed always uppermost in her mind. So, when Luke Daniels came courting, and boldly asked the hand of Mary Jane, the wrath of the good woman knew no bounds.

The Danielses, though highly respectable, were, it must be confessed, a somewhat improvident set. While Luke's occupation thus far had been that of a farm hand, he was a manly, industrious young fellow, and was looked upon with no small degree of favor by Mary Jane herself.

Ma, Sam Grant's come to look at them pigs, Mary Jane called from the buttery.

Mrs. Kalometer dusted the floor from her hands, and tucking her skirts to the tops of her calfskin shoes, hurried out into the yard, where Sam Grant stood in the drizzling rain. The two picked their way across the barnyard to the pens, where several sleek-looking porkers were luxuriating in their native element. After considerable talking, a price was fixed, and Sam agreed to take the pigs.

Tom Lisco's got back from Nebraska, he announced, as they walked back to the house.

What's he count on doing here? He cackles on buying stock about here, if he can get a place to suit him.

The look on Nancy's face seemed to indicate that this bit of news was of more than ordinary interest to her. However, she made no further reference to it.

I s'pose you'll come for them pigs before feeding time, she called anxiously after Sam, as he quitted the yard.

Seems to be sort of breaking away, she remarked awkwardly, as she went into the kitchen. There ain't been nobody at the post-office this week; and I wouldn't be surprised if there was a letter there from some of Cousin Sallie's folks. I feel sort of called to go down and see.

Mary Jane glanced keenly at her mother, but, discreet young woman that she was, made no comment.

No, there were no letters from Sallie Smith's folks, the postmaster informed her. There hadn't been a letter from Ohio this long time, only one that old Miss Lankers got yesterday. It must 'a' been from Tom.

Mrs. Kalometer did not go directly home from the post-office, but paused at an old-fashioned frame house on the outskirts of the straggling town. Tom Lisco, himself, opened the door for her, and after a hearty greeting, showed her into the sitting room.

I heard you was talking of renting a place, she began, coming directly to the point, and I dropped in to tell you that I think some of renting mine.

Good gracious, Mrs. Kalometer you don't say!

Yes, I'm sick of farming'.

You're going to try renting awhile?

I—I cackilate goin' into business, in the boarding house line down to St. Louis, bringing these words out in an explosive fashion, as though startled at her own boldness. Lisco gave a low whistle.

Well, Mrs. Kalometer, if we can agree on the figgers, I guess your place'd suit me well enough, he remarked, mentally averring that, with the close-fisted old woman, this would not be an easy matter. On the contrary, however, Mrs. Kalometer, seemed disposed to be liberal, and the upshot of the matter was that, when she left the house a half hour later, the terms had been agreed upon.

When it became known in Pikeville neighborhood that Nancy Kalometer was going to St. Louis, great, indeed, was the excitement. This the good woman seemed to enjoy, and with an air of conscious superiority she answered or ignored, as pleased her best, the questions of her curious neighbors.

The first of April found herself and Mary Jane established in a dingy boarding house on Olive street. To tell the truth, matters had not yet assumed the rosy hue of which Mrs. Kalometer had dreamed. In the first place, the uninviting aspect of the house, together with the exorbitant rent, had well-nigh appalled her. But for the dread of being laughed at she would have given up the plan.

As the warm weather advanced patronage had grown lighter, and the small fund they had brought with them to the city was fast disappearing. On this particular morning, as she stood vainly trying to polish the battered woodwork, Nancy Kalometer acknowledged to herself that she was a thoroughly disappointed woman.

The bell jangled noisily, and a minute later Mary Jane ushered into the room a young man whom Mrs. Kalometer recognized as the manager of the real estate office on the corner. Could she accommodate him with meals during the heated term, he inquired politely. He would wish special service, and was willing to pay special prices. Some of his meals he would take down town; therefore he would ask her to charge to him the meals he took, crediting him with those he missed. Taking a blank book from his pocket, he began to explain more elaborately his meaning. As he did so, he cast furtive glances toward the corner where Mary Jane stood looking on in apparent indifference.

No, I won't tell her, she muttered to herself; she'd tell me to mind my own business; besides, I reckon she's got to learn some way.

In spite of the advent of the exquisite Mr. Tyson, prospects did not brighten greatly. July came, bringing unusual heat. To the two women, accustomed as they were to the pure country air, each day was a fresh horror. To her dismay, Mrs. Kalometer found that she was growing weak and hysterical. The house was now well-nigh deserted. The young real estate man still came with tolerable regularity, consuming fresh fruits, milk and loaves galore.

It's powerful expensive, Mrs. Kalometer complained; but a bargain's a bargain, an' as long as he's willin' to pay double price we can't afford to lose him.

He ain't paid none yet, Mary Jane responded, dryly.

No, but I've got it all down in the little book.

It'll be four weeks next Wednesday since he come here, and if you don't tell him he's got to settle, I will.

That afternoon Mary Jane wrote a letter. Well, Luke, poor Ma's about beat out, it ran, an' I hope you'll get here in time to settle that rascal. I guess Ma'll be glad enough to see you.

Ready to settle? Why, certainly, Mr. Tyson was saying, as he sipped his mocha. You have the book?

Yes; jest forty meals. That makes \$20.

Ah, yes, making a note with his pencil. And the credits?

The credits? Oh, yes, to be sure. I—I've made—some mistake, her eyes growing wild.

Forty-four credits, I believe?

Yes.

Quite right, \$22 credit against \$20, a balance of \$2 in my favor.

But that ain't right; it can't be! she shrieked. I've spent nigh my last cent a buyin' yer high-toned truck.

I believe you agreed to this, madam.

Yes, but—

I was under the impression, madam, that you were a woman of your word; and—

A woman of her word? Who had ever dared say she was not!

An ash color overspread the old woman's face; she set her teeth grimly, and taking a bill from her pocket-book flung it down upon the table. Mr. Tyson arose, stuffed the bill into his vest pocket and walked leisurely out of the house. At that moment the rear door opened and Luke Daniels rushed into the room.

Mrs. Kalometer sprang up and, grasping Luke's arm, began to cry in an incoherent fashion. Whatever Luke had expected, he was certainly not prepared for this. Indeed, I think, had he not already heard the story she tried to tell, he could scarcely have grasped its meaning. As it was, five minutes later he was taking rapid strides toward the real estate office on the corner; and when he returned it was with the exquisite Mr. Tyson in tow.

There! he exclaimed, breathlessly, shaking the young man much after the manner of an angry dog, give that lady \$22, or I'll break every bone in your body.

With this demand the young man complied with surprising alacrity, and some minutes later slunk out of the room.

I jest come down to see if you wasn't about ready to go back to the farm, Luke began awkwardly, turning to Mrs. Kalometer. Tom Lisco has got tired of it, and I rented it of him two months ago. Sister Mag's been keepin' house for me, but Mary Jane's 'bout promised to take the job off her hands; an' if you'll go along, Mother Kalometer—

But a strange thing had happened; Nancy Kalometer had dropped in a dead faint upon the floor. All through the long summer months the grim old woman seemed to be fighting a fierce battle for her life, and it was not until the woods had grown brown and patches of snow flecked the fields that they went back to take up their abode in the old farm house.

Nancy Kalometer's long illness had left her but a shadow of her former self; and when the neighbors dropped in to visit her upon the failure of her business venture, the hunched figure of the old woman led them to speak kindly words instead.

Years have elapsed since then, but in a cheerful corner of the old farm house an old woman sits, alternately petting her wonderful grandchildren or watching with pleased face the buxom young woman who steps lightly about her work.

I reckon that girl is the bestest hand at mangin', she declares, with ill-concealed pride; but then, gettin' a good, industrious man's jest been the makin' of Mary Jane.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 10th, 1908. CONGRESS is making rapid progress toward adjournment and everything now points to a conclusion of the session on May 20th. The House has passed the Vreeland financial bill and the Senate has substituted therefor a modified form of the Aldrich bill, which is believed to be of far greater merit. Both houses have appointed their conferees and the measure which will be finally enacted, if any is passed, will be framed by them. In order to secure favorable action on the Vreeland bill the House had to repudiate its Banking and Currency committee and the Fowlerites, as they have come to be called, are in a blind rage. There is an old saying that "Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad," and the members of the House have paraphrased it to read, "Whom the Speaker would destroy he first appoints to the Banking and Currency committee."

Of thirteen great supply bills of the government, all but two have passed both houses. The calendars of the two houses are practically clear and House committees have acted on two measures the President regards as of the utmost importance. One legally creates the Inland Waterways Commission, provides a salary for its secretary and quarters for its offices, and the other makes the government liable to its employees engaged in hazardous labor for injuries incurred in the service. Any such bill should receive a ready passage, should be unable to work for so long, and should be die, his year's pay shall go to his family.

All hope of anti-injunction legislation has been abandoned at this session because of the extravagant demands of the labor union leaders. The President favored a moderate bill and there were able members of both houses who were prepared to carry his recommendations into effect, but the labor leaders were so insistent in their demands for legislation which neither the Chief Executive nor his supporters in Congress could conscientiously advocate, that Mr. Roosevelt has advised them to let the entire matter drop.

The historic Natural Resources Conference called by the President to meet at the White House has wound up in a burst of enthusiasm and the governors of the states and their lieutenants have departed to their several homes convinced of the importance of the movement to conserve the natural resources of the country and determined to uphold the hands of the President in every proper manner. There were no political lines drawn in the conference and it was a truly remarkable spectacle to see the President enunciating his policies and Democrats joining with Republicans, Governors from the Southland as well as from the North, cheering him to the echo. Governor Johnson of Minnesota was enthusiastic in his support of Mr. Roosevelt and so also was Governor Glenn of North Carolina who, only a few months ago, was defying the federal courts and precipitating a situation which threatened grave conflict between the federal and state authorities. No one doubts that the utmost good will came from the conference and when the President suggested that another be called in the not distant future, the rebel yell joined with the northern cheer in enthusiastic appreciation of the prospect. Meanwhile, a desperate effort is being made in Congress to pass over the President's veto, a measure which he has denounced, the so-called Rainy River dam bill. His objection to the measure is that it neither limits in time the special privilege granted to the men who proposed to build this dam nor provides for any compensation to the national government and as he has expressed it, it gives to a private concern the right in perpetuity to a resource which this generation has no right to take from the generations to come. It is not expected that the bill be actually passed by the necessary two-thirds votes, however.

The only change in the political situation, if changed it be, is the greater certainty of the nomination of William H. Taft. There are now considerably in excess of the necessary 401 delegates in structure or pledged to vote for Taft on the first ballot and no intelligent Republican doubts his nomination. The President was recently asked if he was not somewhat distressed by the idea that many of the "interests" had come to support Taft because they were afraid that otherwise they would get him. He replied not at all, saying that the Almighty, while offering every inducement to the wicked to do right, did not hesitate to threaten them and even to promise that the Devil would get them if they did evil and that, much as it was only the would be violators of law, the wicked in other words, who regarded him as evil and were afraid he would get them, he was overjoyed that he possessed such power to impel them to good.

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